



Marine Band Marine Chamber Orchestra Marine Chamber Ensembles

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"THE PRESIDENT'S OWN" OPENS SEASON WITH SOUSA-STYLE CONCERT

WASHINGTON—"The President's Own" United States Marine Band, Marine Chamber Orchestra, and Marine Chamber Ensembles present the following free concerts in January. Tickets are not required unless otherwise noted. Please include these performances among your January calendar/events listings.

For general concert information, patrons may call the 24-hour Concert Information Line at (202) 422-4011 or visit www.marineband.usmc.mil. Directions and parking information is available by contacting the performance venues at the numbers and Web sites listed below.

MARINE BAND

WHEN: 2 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 9

"The President's Own" dedicates this performance to City of Fairfax in

celebration of their bicentennial year.

WHERE: Center for the Arts Concert Hall, George Mason University

Braddock Road and Route 123, Fairfax, VA

Venue information: (703) 993-8888 or www.gmu.edu/cfa

COST: FREE, no tickets required

PROGRAM: Lieutenant Colonel Michael J. Colburn, conducting

A Sousa Season Opener—A traditional Sousa-style concert

MARINE CHAMBER ENSEMBLES

WHEN: 2 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 23

WHERE: George Washington Masonic National Memorial Auditorium

101 Callahan Drive, Alexandria, VA

Venue information: (703) 683-2007 or www.gwmemorial.org

COST: FREE, no tickets required

PROGRAM: Featuring music by Mozart, Beethoven and Brahms

MARINE CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

WHEN: 2 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 30

WHERE: Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall, Northern Virginia Community College

3001 North Beauregard Street, Alexandria, VA

Venue information: (703) 845-6156 or www.schlesingercenter.com

COST: FREE, no tickets required

PROGRAM: Captain Jason K. Fettig, conducting

Time Pieces: Featuring music by Mozart, Stravinsky and Piston

Complete program information is available at www.marineband.usmc.mil. For information on any of the above concerts or programs, please contact "The President's Own" Public Affairs Office at (202) 433-5809 or conwayab@mbw.usmc.mil. Press materials, photographs and interviews also are available upon request.

The Marine Band is America's oldest professional musical organization. Founded in 1798, the band has performed for every U.S. President since John Adams. Given the title "The President's Own" by Thomas Jefferson, the Marine Band's primary mission is to provide music for the President of the United States and the Commandant of the Marine Corps.

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